

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol and nicotine constitute a serious threat to the future success and well-being of our young people; and

**WHEREAS,** parental influence is one of the most crucial factors in determining the likelihood of substance abuse by teenagers; and

**WHEREAS,** young people who often eat dinner with their families are 31 percent less likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, alcohol, or cigarettes; and

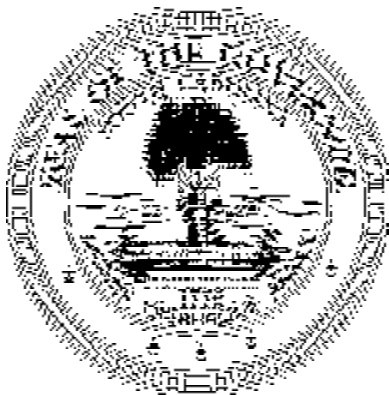
**WHEREAS,** meal times offer opportunities for families to spend time together, providing a basic structure that strengthens and encourages lasting relationships; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2003 observance of "Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children" encourages families throughout the Palmetto State to join one another at the dinner table as a means to strengthening the bonds of kinship for the future of our children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2003, as

### FAMILY DAY A DAY TO EAT DINNER WITH YOUR CHILDREN

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of strong family interaction on the well-being and future success of the young people of the Palmetto State.



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**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**